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1. Prior to 20 April 1953, the Olympisches Dorf Doeberitz was occupied by a guard detail belonging to the artillery brigade which had left the post; by Unit Kavallo which still consisted of about 550 troops with red-bordered black epaulets practicing driving and close-order drill with rifles; and by Unit Popoff still numbering about 400 troops with black-bordered black epaulets. No change was observed in the equipment of 12 pontoons, 2 motor boats and bridge construction material.
2. On 23 April, the strength of Unit 1 at the Loewen Kaserne was 1,623 troops. On 23 April, six T-34/85 tanks, including Nos between 127 and 156, were observed at the installation. On 24 April, seven heavy tanks of a new type were parked in front of the repair shop. The tanks had six bogie wheels, no track-supporting rollers, a flat turret, a gun without muzzle-brake, and two reserve tanks on each side. On 27 April, about 150 EM with black-bordered crimson epaulets were instructed by 18 officers with red-bordered black epaulets on 6 x 76.2-mm AT guns. On 28 April, 33 T-34/85 tanks, 32 trucks towing 14 x 57-mm AT guns and 76.2-mm AT guns, and 4 x 12-mm mortars left the Loewen Kaserne. On 28 April, Unit 2 at the Loewen Kaserne numbered 1,193 troops. Twenty-two JS-3 tanks were seen leaving the installation.¹

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The units mentioned in the reports are confirmed at their home station until the end of April 1953. Units reported in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the present report include the 18 (?) Engr Bn, the division driver school, and the guard detail of the 2nd Light Arty Brig (US) at Olympisches Dorf; and the 19th Meck Regt and the 72nd Gds Hv Tank SF Regt at the Loewen Kaserne. A tank as described in paragraph 2 is reported from Doeberitz for the first time. The observation may possibly be connected with a shipment of 42 flatcars with motor vehicles, which probably also included several tanks, arriving at Doeberitz from Frankfurt/Oder - border on 17 April 1953.

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